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For: PLANT-ACTIVATING AGENT

LETTER REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF ALLOWED CLAIMS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

December 14, 2004

Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability issued on September 15, 2004, a typographical error occurs. Specifically, at item "2." of the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicates that allowed claims are "39-61 (Renumbered 1-24)." This is incorrect. Instead, the allowed claims should be indicated to be "38-61 (Renumbered 1-24)."

In support of the above contention, it is noted that the amendment filed on July 22, 2004 clearly presented claims 38-61 for consideration by the USPTO.

Correction of USPTO records regarding allowed claims in the present application is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully

requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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